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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2001 (Paper No. 26). It is submitted within the shortened statutory period, making this a timely response. While Applicants believe that no fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-63096/RFT/JJD).

Please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks that follow.